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More clean time for bathrooms



Bathroom floors are often scattered with litter

by Sharon Loh

Weekends in the dorms have been marked with unflushed, toilet-paper strewn, no soap-in-dispenser, and barf-smelling bathrooms, since the middle of last semester. However, this is about to change. According to Grace Sasaki, interim chief financial officer, "the President has authorized extra hours be put in - the same as during the week - to have the weekend cleaning be the same as during the week."

In the middle of the fall semester, the housekeeping schedule for weekends was reduced to four hours per dorm. In other words, "it is enough time for housekeeping staff to dump the trash, but it is not enough time to scrub the showers," says Ed Mc Court, custodial manager from Buildings and Grounds. The sinks of many floors in Bodine Hall, Seeley Hall, and Barnum Hall are often clogged up, and the microwaves would remain stained until Monday, when housekeeping staff had more time to do a thorough cleaning. The length of time given per day, during weekdays, is eight hours per dorm, which is double that of the cleaning

time on the weekends. Mr. Mc Court stated that they had been aware that the lack of time during the weekends has been problematic. However, he says that school housekeeping is currently not fully-staffed, due to several retirements and also, he adds that "people got to understand that the cost to run a facility this size is astronomical."

"Country-wide, all universities run off the same (housekeeping/cleaning) schedule, which is usually minimal cleaning during the weekends," says Mr. Mc Court, "it is nothing new. It is just the way it has always happened." However, he adds that he is very confident that this situation will change here at UB.

Mr. Mc Court also mentioned that Buildings and Grounds is currently being reconstructed. Presently, they are waiting for the personnel department to approve the new staff for housekeeping.

According to Ms. Sasaki, the authorized extended hours on the weekends is only a short-term solution. "The new Facility Director, Paul Engermann will be looking into a few long-term solutions that can take care of this problem."

Toll free calls require PIN

Fraud instigates University-wide policy change

by Lucas Mc Cloud

Returning students may have noticed another change in their telephone system, as many were unable to make toll-free calls from their rooms. Currently, to make toll-free (800) number calls, one must enter his or her PIN number. This is a problem for those who do not have a PIN number because they never bothered to get it or had their accounts shut off, either by their own wishes or because of overdue bills. For many students who use calling cards, this is a problem because most cards are accessed through a toll-free (800) number.

According to a Student

Telephone Services (STS) representative, the reason for the inconvenience is that some students last semester were dialing what are called bill-back (800) numbers, a number that usually charges the caller in the same way that (900) numbers do. Another problem is that some students have been using alternative long-distance services that require a connection through a toll-free number, and bill the number being dialed. The problem with that is that when the telephone number of the location is billed, it is impossible to tell who made the calls, since student telephone accounts are not designated by separate phone numbers, but by their

PIN numbers. With the current telephone system, however, student calls are not traced to individual rooms, but are charged to the general University account.

To solve this problem, the University has opted to have students enter their PIN number before connecting to toll-free numbers. This way if a student dials a bill-back number, he or she will get charged for it.

By having students dial their PIN numbers before making calls, the University is able to keep track of what calls are made by which student. This will protect against the telephone fraud that just a few students have been making.

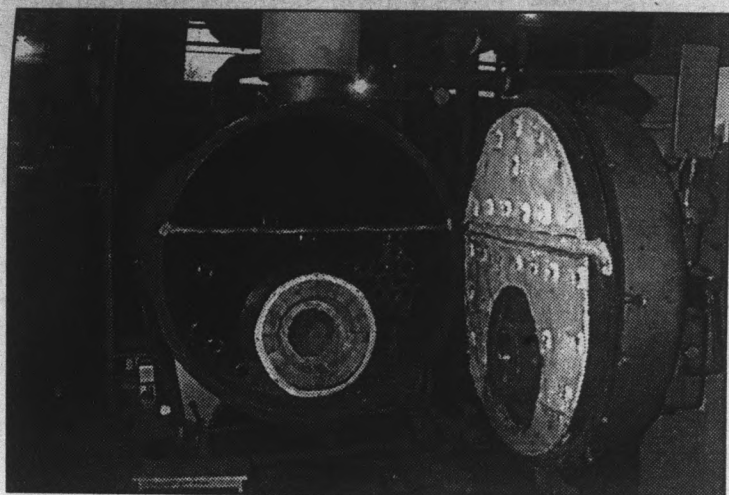
Tube failures shut down boiler

by Roxann Blackburn

Residents of Bodine Hall last week found themselves out in the cold when the boilers in the basement shut down, leaving Bodine without any central heating. In response to the failure, maintenance personnel immediately turned on a secondary boiler to restore heat to the building.

However, soon after it was turned on, it also failed, leaving residents struggling to find ways to keep warm. When asked to comment on the lack of heat, one student simply said, "I was freezing."

Physical Plant Director Ted Hunyadi said that the shut-down was due to tube failure in the two boilers. Tube failure occurs when the tubes, which are responsible for



Bodine boilers undergoing repairs

transmitting heat up to the various air vents inside the boilers, rust and leak. When this happens, the boilers lose all means of supplying heat and shut down.

Typically, if a situation like

this occurs, a second boiler is normally ready to serve as a backup until the main one is repaired. Unfortunately for Bodine residents, both boilers

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Fiber-optics improve Internet capabilities

by John E. Musser

All of the complaints of University students concerning Internet connections may finally be answered, as a full campus network is currently being installed.

According to Mark Sedutto, director of Information Technology, the first step has already been started, as a "fiber-optic backbone" is being laid



Workers begin laying cables underground near North Hall underground.

According to Mr. Sedutto, the new line will connect twenty-four build-

ings, an infrastructure which is necessary before the wiring inside the buildings can be established. This underground, fiber-optic cable will replace current cross-campus lines, including the low-capacity one that runs through the trees to Bodine Hall.

New lines will also be set up to Rennell Hall, Warner Hall, Barnum Hall,

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News

Long lines at the Bursar, not Marina

by Ikenna Emehele

Most students on a meal plan dread the first few days of school. Getting on a meal plan usually means an excruciating wait for clearance at the Bursar's office. From Monday, January 24, to Wednesday, January 26, the sixth floor of the Wahlstrom Library was filled with irritated students waiting for clearance. To transfer student Atul Sardana, it was not just the wait at the line that hurt, "it was the principle that you can not eat" until you get a clearance form.

This principle forced many students to make a difficult decision. Do you go to your first class of the semester and definitely lose your spot in the line or do you skip the class and make sure you would be allowed to eat in Marina Dining Hall? Freshman Sasha Shetty was one of those who chose to wait on Tuesday, January 26. Her reason was simple. "I had not had food for two days so I did not want to wait one more day without food," she said. She was not alone. In this battle, the need for food usually conquered any interest in lectures. In fact, in the media management class on Monday, January 24, only four out of the twelve students registered for the class turned

up. The rest were said to be waiting in the line.

In a show of leniency, the Marina management allowed one meal per student in lieu of clearance. This was particularly helpful to students who spent hours waiting but could not get cleared. However, only the few students who were aware of this possibility benefited from it. The rest, like Sasha Shetty, had to wait two hours before finally getting cleared.

Why did students have to wait this long in line? According to Bursar John Polascik, the lines get crowded "because many returning students do not take advantage of the early registration option." The result is that when those returning students who did not register the previous semester combine with new students about to

register, and students who just want to be cleared for Marina, they clog up the line.

It seemed at first that the best way to eliminate the long lines would be to send the clearance materials to Marina. The Marina management would then simply check off names or automatically reactivate the ID cards of cleared students. However, Mr. Polascik explained that Marina was a separate organization from the University, and the school could not send students records to a different body.

He however hoped that the school would have three registration days from next semester on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. This would give everybody more time to complete the registration process before classes start. Until then, students would have to continue depending on pizza, Chinese food, and snack machines during the first days of school.

"I had not had food for two days so I did not want to wait one more day without food,"

--Sasha Shetty

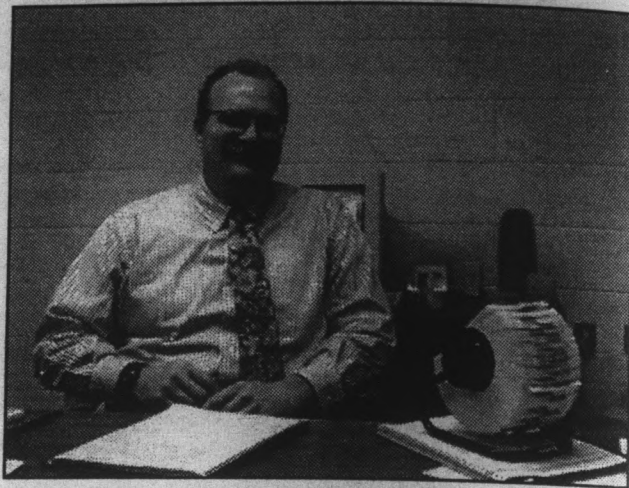
New Director of Facilities Management

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

The newly created position, Director of Facilities Management, was filled by Paul T. Engemann, when he started his new job on January 19, 1999. The position entails directing and managing the Physical Plant, maintenance department, and Housekeeping staff. Included in his responsibilities is the overseeing of certain departments, which are Campus Security, food services (Marriott), and administration (Mailroom). Campus Security and Marriott are contracted services, and are in his jurisdiction.

Mr. Engemann told *The Scribe*, "I see a tremendous amount of potential on campus, especially with it being on the Long Island Sound." He is to be involved with planning and implementing facility improvement projects.

Mr. Engemann attended Michigan State University, and Katholieke Uni-



Paul Engemann, ready to fulfill his duties as director

versity of Luevan in Belgium. From 1992, until the time that he joined UB, he served as the Plant Manager for Darien Public Schools, and he managed all of the Darien Board of Education facilities and constructions.

His new position was created after Jim Garland, vice president of Finance left. Some duties were overlapping in some areas, and in response, the position of Director of Facilities Management was created.

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Seeley Hall, Mandeville Hall, the Student Center, and several others. The few buildings that will not be connected are Waldemere Hall, Wisteria Hall, and the Physical Plant.

This does not mean that the buildings will have connections, it simply means that a line will be stretched to the buildings. After this is completed, individual lines can be wired to the rooms, a project that will be completed after the financial approval of the Board of Trustees and administration.

If all goes according to plans, at least some of these buildings could be completed during the

summer and be ready for next fall.

The main administrative system is also in the process of being replaced. The system currently being used is now twelve years old.

It is in dire need of replacement, especially with the issue of Year 2000 bug (Y2K), the problem associated with the turn of the century.

The new system will be compliant with Y2K standards, so University students can take comfort in knowing that even if the world's economy falls apart next year, their Bursar bills will be left untouched by the bug.

Orientation kicks off semester

by Lucas Mc Cloud

The spring semester of the year before the millenium was kicked off with the traditional spring orientation. Approximately forty students registered for the orientation program being run by Director of Student Programming Coordinator Edina Oestreich, who was assisted by several undergraduate and graduate students. "The director of orientation week ran the program perfectly. It was excellent," said Violeta Veleva, a freshman from Bulgaria.

The orientation program began on Wednesday, January 20, with the formal welcoming of new and transfer international students. Most of the day was left open for the students to settle in and move into their new room. In the evening, orientation staff and students were given a chance to relax and

watch some movies in the Student Center.

New and transfer domestic students arrived on Thursday, January 21, and were also given the chance to settle in and move into their rooms.

At night, the orientation staff ran Wacky Games and Ice Cream Sundaes Night for all of the new students. Chaelyn Lombardo, orientation staff member said, "The games were so wacky and fun - I wish more students would have shown up to the activity."

The two highlights of the orientation program were Bingo night and the Laser-Tag party. Approximately thirty students grabbed their Bingo grids and dabbers to try to win any of the several prizes such as UB mugs, pennants or the grand prize, a giant stuffed-animal shark.

At the Laser Tag party, the staff and students went to the Milford

Amusement Center to spend several hours playing pool, pinball, video games, and laser tag. Afterwards, in the evening, students were treated to another movie in the Student Center.

In addition to the many exciting activities being run by Ms. Oestreich, there were several different programs being run by the Student Development staff to help new students become acquainted with UB.

Courtesy of David Oestreich, director of Residential Life, and the RDs, each residence hall had informational meetings so that each new student could quickly and easily familiarize themselves with the rules, regulations, and facilities of each dorm. Dawn Valenti, director of International Affairs, helped students with programs on adjusting to life at UB.

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Choosing the best credit card

by Arman Gevorgyan

Holidays are over, and school is back in session. This means that Marina Dining Hall will again see energetic people that offer students free T-shirts and mugs in return for a prize that promises freedom and abundance – a rectangular piece of plastic called a credit card.

The Scribe decided to interview Business Law professor William Greenspan to obtain more information on the benefits and drawbacks of credit cards. To our first question, whether University students actually need credit cards, Professor Greenspan cautiously replied, "Maybe." He then proceeded to explain that credit cards should not be used by students as a substitute for cash that they do not have. Instead, a student might want to use a credit card for convenience, when they do not wish to carry cash around. No one should ever charge a purchase unless he or she can pay



Credit card applications are readily available on notice boards in Mandeville Hall

the due bill on time."

A student should only get one card, since he or she only needs one as a substitute for cash, Professor Greenspan said. A MasterCard or Visa would be a good choice, since these two cards are accepted almost anywhere. Department store or gasoline cards are not as good a choice, since savings through their use most likely will not cover the annu-

al fee that a cardholder would have to pay.

Professor Greenspan stressed that there are three factors that one should take into consideration when choosing a card - annual fee, grace period, and interest rate on unpaid balance. The annual fee is typically \$25,

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Congress VP quits

by Geetha Tharmaratnam

Aurora Lee, vice president of the Student Congress, formally resigned on January 27, 1999, with a telephone call to President of Student Congress, Ashok Regmi. Mr. Regmi announced the Vice President's decision at the first Student Congress meeting of the semester that night.

Speaking on behalf of Miss Lee, Mr. Regmi told Congress that Ms. Lee had other commitments, which prevented her from executing the office to the best of her ability. It was unclear as to what other commitments she had, and the decision came as a shock. "Her involvement in the Student Congress was helpful, but, being the Vice President, her decision to give priority to other commitments over the Congress' responsibilities surprised me," said Mr. Regmi.

With Miss Lee's decision to resign comes an unprecedented situation for the Student Congress. The Constitution of the Student Congress only pre-

scribes how the president's position should be filled in cases of vacancy. There is no provision specifying how the vice president's position should be filled.

This unique predicament has been a major concern of Mr. Regmi since Ms. Lee's resignation. After consultation with the advisor of Student Congress, Professor Roger Kendall, faculty, and administration, Mr. Regmi has decided upon a course of action. As specified by the Constitution, the chain of command is President, Vice president, Speaker of the House, and President of the Student Senate. Usually, the Vice-President presides over the Senate, but the Senate reserves the right to elect its own president. Mr. Regmi plans to have the Senate nominate and elect its own president by a 2/3 majority, who will then be empowered as the Vice-President with approval from 2/3 of the Congress.

Mr. Regmi hopes to have the position filled by the next Student Congress meeting on February 10.

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"Marina food sucks." "The dorms are too small, too hot, too loud." "There's nothing to do in Bridgeport." "The Scribe doesn't know what the hell they're doing."

Everyday, the same old words about the same old things are heard all over campus. Everyone has an opinion about something or another.

But, somehow, nothing ever changes. "Why?" you ask. Because although everyone can spare the breath to complain, no one can spare the physical energy to help the so-called bad situation.

No, I'm not asking you to burn down Marina or rebuild the dorms or shoot the staff members of *The Scribe*.

I'm simply asking you to stand up for your opinions and bring them into the light. I'm simply asking you to pick up a pen and spend a piece of paper on what you think to be valid and potentially useful ideas. I'm simply asking those of you long-winded people to display your thoughts in a public forum that is readily available to every UB student.

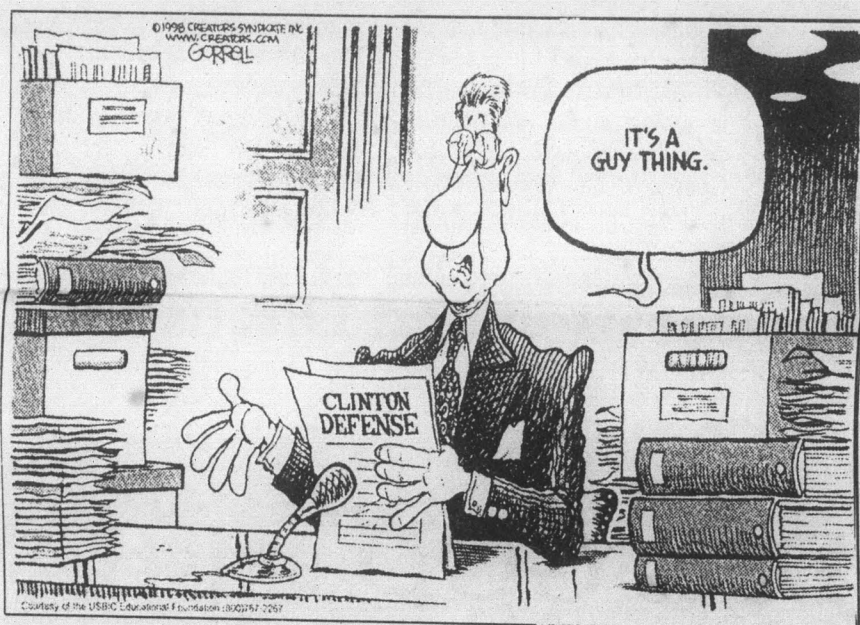
I'm simply asking you to write a short letter to the editor of *The Scribe*.

Do you think the bowling alley in the student center is wasting away? Let everyone know! Do you think your English professor is the most incredible and most underappreciated teacher in the world? Do her a favor and give her a public congratulation.

Words are easily spoken and, when spoken, are easily dismissed. It is far too simple to talk about what needs to happen. A letter provides hard, physical evidence that you truly believe what you say.

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On The Spot

How good a job do you feel Student Congress President is doing?



"As long as he does not follow Clinton's footsteps, he is on the right track. I'm sure he has accomplished some things, but the student body is not very well-informed about it. We love you man."

Ashraf Abuleil



Ashok!"

"Being a part of the Student Congress, I've noticed that Ashok is very dedicated and hard-working. Keep it up"

Beylul Solomon



"I can affirm that Ashok is giving his very best to perform his duty not only as President of the Student Congress, but also as a good listener of the students' needs, which not everybody is capable of."

Fabiola Trivino



"Who is Ashok?"

Gedas Matusevicius



"As you all know, there have been a lot of student Presidents and promises, but the President that actually implements what he promises is what we all need. He's doing his best."

Justine Boampong



"Ashok, as the President, is performing his position successfully as part of the Student Congress. That is the important question. Answering that, he has done a superb job."

Ola Ogunye



"I don't know what he's doing! Maybe he should inform the student body about his activities."

Radoslav Filkov



"He's not doing his job. He's awesome!"

Nedialko Zlatarev

Tracking Technology Trends

Privacy regarding Intel chips and viruses exposed, apparently linked to China

by Puneet Batra

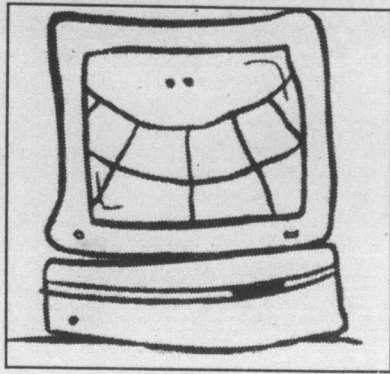
Intel recently announced that it was planning to come out with the new Pentium III this summer. The new Pentium III, nicknamed the Katmai processor is supposed to be faster and more conducive to multimedia and video, according to Intel. This has been done by the addition of about 70 extra instructions to the processor itself.

However, is this really a better processor or is it just another marketing gimmick? Do you really need a \$3,000 computer so you can type out research papers and send e-mail to soccer fans in Holland?

The announcement of the release has not received a very warm welcome. The computer world is now looking towards Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (AMD) which is soon to announce the release of the K6-3 with its 200 MHz bus which surpasses any chip to date.

Another surprise which Intel announced was that they will put an ID tag on every chip with the new Pentium-III. This will allow any user over the Internet to be identified by unique ID numbers that the chips will send out.

This has raised major privacy concerns and enraged users all over the



world. After all the protests, Intel agreed that before shipping the chips, it would turn off the switch so that the IDs would not be sent out. This was not what the original plans were and Intel will have to recall all the chips that have been manufactured and put in this additional feature. However, the idea itself of having the IDs has outraged many and things have not settled for Intel yet.

The plus side to the IDs are that it will raise security levels for financial transactions over the Internet. Before authorizing a payment, financial institutions will be able to verify authenticity of the user. This has not been possible until now and may change the future of buying over the Internet, which has grown out of proportion in the last few years.

Many have accused Intel of play-

ing along with Microsoft in an attempt to monopolize the computer industry. I wonder what the Department of Justice (DOJ) thinks of this, especially after the recent America On Line-Netscape merger, which did not raise a lot of dust.

There have also been rumors that Dell might join AOL and Netscape, which will definitely give the fearsome threesome an upper-hand in the market.

Meanwhile, the DOJ has been hot on the pursuit of Microsoft, and it recently forced Microsoft to come up with documents showing how 1,903 files in the operating system are divided among IE (Internet Explorer) and the rest of the OS. Microsoft, however, maintains that both the OS and Internet Explorer are not two separate products, but interdependent.

In other computer wars, certain viruses have been making the news recently. The much-talked about "picture.exe" virus allegedly opens a backdoor in your system and every time you sign on to the Internet, it sends packets of information to an unknown destination in China.

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Rusted Root

The band adds ethnic flair to modern rock



Members of the band, Rusted Root

by Maurice Christophe

For those who have been fans of Rusted Root for any length of time, the new self-titled release by the band continues a tradition of mixing sounds. In their standard format, which is anything but standard, Rusted Root manages to combine modern rock with strong world music influences. Some of the influences that give this group a folk sound include African, Middle Eastern, and Latin American.

The new album produces a more spiritual feeling than the band's previous two releases. More mellow than their first release under the Mercury label back in 1994, the album does include tracks that make you want to move, including the remake of the Rolling Stones' classic song "You Can't Always Get What You Want." The band adds ethnic flair to modern rock, and creates new sounds from the old. Rusted Root excels as a folk album in this age of alternative music, bringing old sounds to a new audience.

Upcoming Events

UB EVENTS

Thursday, February 4 at 4:00 PM and Monday, February 8 at 7:00 PM
Student Center Private Dining Room
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however, some student offers carry a zero annual fee. Grace period, which is the time given to a cardholder to pay for his credit card purchases, is commonly twenty-five days. Finally, interest rates on unpaid balances are usually around 15-18%, however, in some states they can go as high as 25%.

Interest rates on unpaid balances are high, so it is essential to be able to pay the bill in full when it is due. That especially applies to students who typically hold lower-paying seasonal jobs. Interest on unpaid balances might compound the sum owed to a burdensome debt.

Professor Greenspan points out that the maximum credit limit should not be a major concern. Usually, first-time applicants get a \$500 or \$1,000 limit on their cards. "If a student spends more than that per month, he should seriously reconsider his budget," said Professor Greenspan. If cardholders use their cards responsibly,

that limit will be raised with time.

Not everyone is able to obtain a credit card if he or she has no record of credit history. In that case, one can get a debit card, which automatically deducts the sum from the user's checking account. A debit card is also an option for those who have trouble managing their money, and excessively charge on their credit cards.

There is no need to panic if a credit card is lost or stolen. Under federal law, cardholders are only liable for \$50 for unauthorized purchases charged to their cards. Professor Greenspan warned, however, about the definition of "unauthorized purchase." If a cardholder allows a friend to use his or her card, a precedent is set. The next time, if the friend uses the same card, even if the use is not authorized by the cardholder, the cardholder might be forced to pay the bill, because of the precedent set. You should avoid giving your credit cards to anyone.

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failed. To make matters worse, it took roughly six to eight hours to repair the damaged tubes and reheat the building.

According to Mr. Hunyadi, the boilers in the buildings are old, and they need "progressively more and more maintenance." In addition, it would cost approximately \$90,000 to replace each boiler in the building.

There is a good chance that they may experience another shut down sometime the future.

Mr. Hunyadi, however, assures all

residents that his staff is notified immediately when such incidents occur, and are on the scene as quickly as possible.

He also added that he would like to apologize to the residents of Bodine for the loss of heat and the inconvenience.

In the meantime, the damaged tubes have been replaced, and the boilers are up and running once again.

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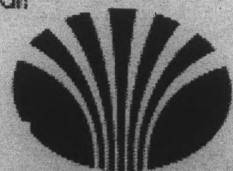
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Athletic Profile



Player's Name: Billy Blackburn

Sport: Basketball

Age: 24

Major: Liberal Arts

Hometown: Kearne, New Jersey

Hobbies: Working out, playing basketball

Description: Billy Blackburn is the second leading scorer for UB this season averaging approximately 12 points per game. He has attempted and made more 3-point shots than anyone on the team this season. He leads the team in 3-point percentage with a 43.6 percent from behind the 3-point line. He is described as being a natural shooter, and performs well under pressure.

Future Dreams: Aims to finish his education and obtain a masters degree.

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Also worth mentioning is the "happy worm" virus which spreads itself by the filename "Happy99.exe" and self-replicates itself through e-mail and Internet postings. It is not known to damage any files yet, but it does slow down networks and crash servers.

Prodigy, one of the Internet's leading providers, has announced that it would be discontinuing its Internet service in October.

The company announced that its systems are not Y2K compliant, and the enormous cost that the company will incur in update attempts are beyond their means.

Meanwhile Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft Inc., has been pouring huge amounts of money into the beautification of his hometown, Seattle, WA. Plans include a \$100 million rock music museum, a professional football stadium and new corporate offices.

The museum opens in the year 2000, while the new football stadium is set to replace the 22-year old Kingdome, which is home to the Seattle Seahawks - also owned by Allen.

While we wait anxiously to see the new stadium, we can only hope that our UB graduates will be equally generous to their Alma Mater.

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the second leading scorer for UB this year; he is averaging approximately 12 points per game, and he leads UB in three-point percentage this season.

Its going to be a losing season for UB, but the team's record by no means represents the ability of the players.

UB has some extremely talented players on the team, but, according to Mr. Blackburn, "UB just didn't

get the breaks this season." There has been a lot of disappointment this season, they have given us their heart and soul, and they have laid it on the line every time they stepped on the court.

UB still has a chance to finish this season strong. With six games left until the end of the season, UB will try to make a run at it. It is not going to be easy, but the UB men's basketball team is ready and willing to step up to the challenge.

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ant one for the Purple Knights team. After starting the season with five wins, the team struggled through a 12-game losing streak.

A main reason for their backslide was a lack of players, according to coach Jim Ferraro. Suiing up only seven players, fatigue became a huge problems for the team.

"The other team is throwing in fresh people all the time," said Sharkey.

"While we basically have the same five out all the time."

Their record, however, did not reflect the team's play. "All twelve games were really close," Ferraro said.

In the last part of the season, the team hopes to build off their current two-game winning streak. Their next game is Saturday at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell while their next home game is February 10 versus Binghamton.

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Sports

Men's basketball season disappointing



The men's team in action during a game last semester

by Dale Carnegie

With a loss at home to New Hampshire College, and a loss on the road to Stony Brook, UB's basketball season is coming to a crashing halt.

It has been a very disappointing season for the men's basketball team. The feeling of victory for UB this season has been virtually non-existent. With a record of 2-18, and no wins against their NECC rivals, there can be no question that this has been a

dismal season.

It has been a long and exhausting battle for the Purple Knights this season, it just seem

as if UB could not get into the swing of things.

There has not been a lot of injuries this season, but nonetheless UB has been out-played, out-hustled, and simply out-matched this season. It is not the NCAA, but the NECC is an extremely competitive league. UB has not defeated any of the NECC teams this season.

In situations like this, it is easy to focus on the all things that have gone wrong, but that does not mean good things have not happened.

According to Brandon Womack, the team really came together this year. Members of the team have very strong friendships amongst each other. The players gave a gallant effort this season, and throughout the entirety of the season, one thing remained, and that is the unity of the

team.

Devonne Parker and Billy Blackburn have really held the team together this season, both on and off the court. Mr. Parker is averaging 15.6 points per game to lead the Purple Knights this season. Members of the basketball team really look up to Mr. Parker. He is described as being mentally and physically tough, and most of his work this year has been done under the pressure of a strong double team from the opposing team.

The combination of Mr. Parker and Mr. Blackburn has been a vital component to UB's offense this season. These two players have combine to score a great majority of the points this season. Mr. Blackburn is

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Gymnastics off to good start

by Sara Warfield

Last Saturday, the Purple Knights gymnastics team traveled to Springfield, Mass. to compete against Springfield College and Brockport. Casi Clayton led the team to victory placing second all-around.

The team has started the 1998-99 season in good form, winning seven of their first eight meets. Leading the team are Clayton and Terri Anne Bunchek who have thus far had outstanding performances this season. Clayton was named the ECAC Women's Gymnast of the Week for the week of January 10 while Bunchek garnered the same honor for the week of January 17.

This good start, however, does not reflect the team's main goal for a good season. Their primary objective is to earn enough points as a team that would secure a spot in the National competition at the end of the season.

The outlook, according to their points gained so far, "isn't good," said Bunchek. "But there's still a lot of the season left."

A main concern of the team is the number of gymnasts competing. To compete in a meet, a team must have six gymnasts. The UB team is just getting by with seven.

"It's hard," said another team member, Angela Currie. "Most teams have more than ten competing."

The gymnastics team hopes to step up their performance in the second half of the season in their pursuit of a trip to Nationals.

Their next meet is February 6 in New Haven against Yale, one of their biggest rivals. The Purple Knights' next home meet is February 20.

Athletic Profiles



Player's Name: Casi Clayton

Sport: Gymnastics

Age: 21

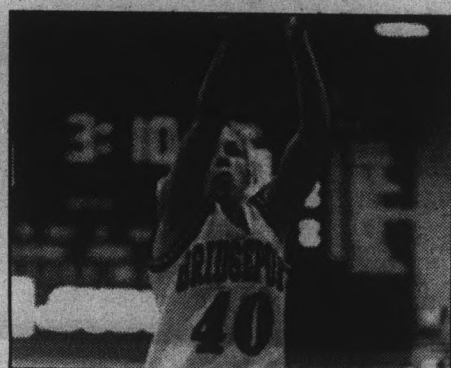
Major: Human Services

Hometown: Ivyland, Pennsylvania

Hobbies: Shopping, hanging out with her boyfriend, Dave Lemanczyk

Description: Casi Clayton has been outstanding for the gymnastics team this season. She placed second all-around in Springfield, MA, last weekend, helping her team to a win. She placed first all-around in her first two meets of the season and posted her career high on the floor exercise with a 9.675 score. She was also named the ECAC Division II Women's Gymnast of the week on the week of January 10.

Future Dreams: In gymnastics, she hopes to help her team qualify for nationals, while in life, she hopes to become a special education teacher.



Player's Name: Sarah Trayers

Sport: Women's basketball

Age: 21

Major: Human Services

Hometown: Earlysville, Virginia; Albemarle High School

Hobbies: Watching movies, shopping for sneakers, sleeping.

Description: Coach Jim Ferraro described Sarah as, "by far, the best guard in the league." She leads the team in steals and surprises the crowd with animated play. "People think I'm crazy on the court," she said. "Sarah is fearless and tireless," Ferraro commented, saying she takes on the role as team leader and has no problem doing it.

Future Dreams: Sarah wants to become a social worker, helping young, troubled teens.

Women's basketball revitalized



The women's team against one of their NECC division rivals

With the beginning of the new semester, the women's basketball team

by Sara Warfield

has breathed new life into their game.

In the first game of the spring term, the Purple Knights ended a long los-

ing streak with a convincing 87-77 win against New Hampshire College (NHC) on January 27.

"Elise (Sharkey) and Angie (Kadenas) were on," guard Sarah Trayers said of her teammates' performances.

The next Saturday the women travelled to Long Island to record their second consecutive victory against Stony-

brook, winning 65-59.

"Our second half performance was better in the last two games than the ones before," said captain Elise Sharkey.

The winter break was not a pleas-

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